

**REMARKS**

Claims 1, 2, and 8-11 are currently pending in the application. The Application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters. Applicant has amended the claims in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions to correct informalities identified by the Examiner. No new matter has been added.

**Claim Objections:**

The Examiner has objected to claims 1, 2 and 8-11 because of the various informalities set forth in the Office Action and has suggested corrections to overcome the objections. Applicant has amended claims 1, 2 and 8-11 to recite all of the corrections suggested by the Examiner.

Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1, 2 and 8-11 are in full compliance U.S. practice and requests that the objection to claims 1, 2 and 8-11 be withdrawn.

**Allowable Subject Matter:**

Applicant respectfully thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 1, 2, and 8-11 are allowable over the prior art of record.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing Amendment and Remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application, including claims 1, 2, and 8-11, is in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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